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Application of:	John F. Shanley		
Serial No.:	10/726,605	Art Unit:	3731
Filed:	December 4, 2003	Examiner:	Unassigned
For:	EXPANDABLE MEDICAL DEVICE WITH CURVED HINGE		

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the application.

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- 3a. ☐ The Certification Statement in Item 5 below is applicable. Accordingly, no fee is required.
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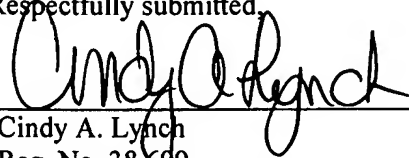
The Certification Statement in Item 5 below is applicable.

5. ☐ Certification Statement (applicable if Item 3a or Item 4 is checked)
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- 6a. ☐ A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5) is concurrently filed herewith.
- 6b. ☐ Copies of publications listed on Form PTO-1449 from prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_, of which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120, are not being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).
- 6c. ☒ Copies of the foreign patents and publications listed on Form PTO-1449 are provided herewith.
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Respectfully submitted,



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